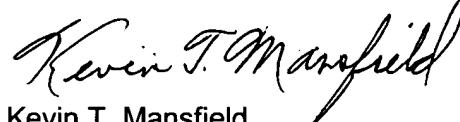


REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 20-23 are the only claims pending. Original claims 9-11, 18, 22 and 23 have been amended to eliminate informal "use of" terminology and to provide minor clarification.

Applicants aver that the claims are now in better form for examination. An Action on the merits of the claims is respectfully awaited. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

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